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Rumours regarding the sudden death of Mrs. V. Kolotinsky.

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Rumours are circulating among the Russian and Russian-Jewish circles in connection with sudden death of Mrs. V. Kolotinsky which had taken place on 25/3/43. It is said that Mrs. V. Kolotinsky died from unnatural cause and that her former common law husband A.I. Beerbrayer, Russian emigrant of Jewish origin, jeweller by profession with whom she separated over one year ago and her sweetheart Dr. Samuel Hooks, Russian Jew who applied for USSR citizenship are connected with her sudden death. It is also rumoured that valuable diamonds and U.S.A. Bank notes which she owned were not found after her death.

Enquiries made regarding the above rumours ascertained that Mrs. V. Kolotinsky, Russian emigress, 34 years of age(according to Pao Chia registration) dentist by profession, atractive, well educated daughter of late officer of Russian Imperial Army arrived at Shanghai from Harbin in 1930. Mrs. V. Kolotinsky resided at No. 934 Bubbling Well Road, 1st floor, Medhurst Apartment in her own flat, besides this she owned a boarding house at No.147/1Avenue Haig. It is known that she was common law wife of Anatoly Iosifovich Beerbrayer, Russian emigrant of Jewish origin born on November 25, 1898 at Volyn Province, South Russia, for over 15 years. A. I. Beerbrayer well known local jeweller residing at No. 241 Rue Cardinal Mercier, Grosvenor Garden, was formerly dealing in Soviet goods and assisted Soviet trade establishments in disposing of jewellery.

exported from USSR (File D. 162). He is known to Narcotic Section S.M.P. as suspected narcotic dealer who worked in a ring with M. Lipkovsky (File 462/3) and M. Shvirianskv (File 413) A.I. Beerbrayer formerly frequently travelled between Shanghai, Diaren and Tsingtao.

His cousin J. Beerbrayer, Soviet citizen of Jewish origin residing at No. 1920/601 Avenue Joffre is a vice chairman of "Soviet Citizen Trade Association in Shanghai," formerly manager of Diaren office of the Soviet Mercantile Fleet is also known to Narcotic Section, S.M.P. as narcotic dealer (Files D. 6108, D. 162.).

Over one year ago A.I. Beerbrayer separated with Mrs. V. Kolotinsky and on May 1942 married young Jewess named Elena Samuilovna Ioselovich, 22 years of age. It is also known that A.I. Beerbrayer has a young sweetheart, Valentina Nedzvetsky, Polish citizen, residing at No. 22E Rte Say Zoong, Poo Hong Villa. Mrs. V. Kolotinsky and A.I. Beerbrayer were apparently on good terms after their separation and met some time together.

It is known by many that Mrs. C. Kolotinsky owned many diamonds of high value (of 4, 5, & 9 carats) and other precious stones, which she received as gifts from A.I. Beerbrayer. It is said that also that she owned a considerable sum of the U.S.A. Bank notes.

It is reported that last few months before Mrs. V. Kolotinsky death one Mr. Samuel Hoes, 37 years of age, Russian Jew who applied for USSR citizenship was

her sweetheart. Dr. S. Hoes is employed by at "Polyclinik of USSR Citizen", No. 175 Route Mayen and is a lector of the "Courses of Junior Medical Workers" at "USSR Citizen Club", No. 805 Avenue Foch. He resides at No. 941 Bubbling Well Road, room 114 close to the residence of Mrs. V. Kolotinsky. It is said that Dr. S. Hoes and A.I. Beerbrayer are on friendly terms.

Dr. S. Hoes besides being Mrs. V. Kolotinsky sweetheart was her private doctor and treated her against heart desease in this connection he made her certain injections.

In Mrs. V. Kolotinsky's flat at No. 934 Bubbling Well Road resided one Mihail Froloff, Russian Emigrant, 49 years of age, who served in his youth as an orderly of her father officer of Russian Imperial Army. He was known as her trusted man who took care of Mrs. V. Kolotinsky during the occasional period of excesive drinking in which she was indulged.

It should also to note that M. Froloff was for many years connected with A.I. Beerbrayer who used him formerly to transport valuables and according to rumours some restricted goods. M. Froloff was also serving as a body guard and watchman of A.I. Beerbrayer. Few days before Mrs. V. Kolotinsky death A.I. Beerbrayer sent Froloff mentioned above to Tientsin according to rumours to transport there some jewellery and bring back some restricted goods.

It is said that Mrs. V. Kolotinsky during the absence of M. Froloff started to drink heavily.

Dr. S. Hoss according to rumours frequently visited her house but did not prevent that being her sweetheart and doctor. Mrs. V. Kolotinsky died on 25/5/43 during her hight sleep.

It should be noted that an inquest was held on request of A.I. Beerbrayer and Dr. S. Hoss (?) it is said in order to prevent circulation of undesirable rumours. Mrs. V. Kolotinsky, it is reported was burried in a grave without concret carcas as it is usually done in Shanghai and without which carcas her body would quickly decompose.

It is said that in Mrs. V. Kolotinsky safe were found after her death jewellery value only $20,000.00 although it was well known that she was in possession of valuable precious stones, diamonds and other being a wife of one of the richest jeweller in Shanghai. U.S.A. Bank notes which Mrs. V. Kolotinsky owned were also missing.

Mrs. V. Kolotinsky according to the Russian newspapers left will by which she left part of her property to M. Froleff mentioned above and part to Russian Hospital.

In this connection it is said that few days before her death Mrs. V. Kolotinsky had intention to make a new will and informed regarding this Mr. M. Froleff who mentioned this to Beerbrayer.

It is rumoured that sudden death of Mrs. V. Kolotinsky could be profitable to Mr. A.I. Beerbrayer and possibly also to Dr. S. Hoss or to both to them. In this connection it is also rumoured that during

the period of excesive drinking to which Mrs. V. Kolotinsky was inclined it would be easy to give her some medicine which would increase pulsation of her heart and result in death from heart failure. At that time Mrs. V. Kolotinsky's diamonds and U.S.A. Bank notes could be easily stolen.

In connection with the above rumours it should be pointed out the following facts.

In November 1941 A.I. Beerbrayer was attacked in his flat by one Nicolas Chihoaria, Russian emigrant of Georgian origin, 57 of age. At that time Albert Rosenbaum, Russian emigrant of Jewish origin known criminal friend of Beerbrayer arrived on the scene and overpowered and apprehended N. Chihoaria together with A.I. Beerbrayer. N. Chihoaria was charged with attempt of murder and attempt of armed robbery on 27/11/41. N Chihoaria was found not guilty on first charge and sentenced to 3 years of imprisonment on second charge. It was strongly rumoured that case was framed by A.I. Beerbrayer and Albert Rosenbaum. It should be mentioned in this connection that Albert Rosenbaum was arrested in 1942 by Japanese Authorities together with M. Soulerish, Soviet Agent and was sentenced to 4 years of imprisonment.

On 25.8.42 U.S.A.$ 350.00 were confiscated by S.M.P. from A.I.Beerbrayer when he attempted to sell it. to one B.M.Levaco, Russian Jew.residing at No 223/Apt C Rue Cardinal Mercier.

It is also reported that after Mrs V.Kolotinsky deat her flat was visited by A.I.Beerbrayer and Dr S.H- o carefully examined everything including all

obviously looking for her U.S.A. Bank notes.

All facts mentioned above and previous antecedents of A.I. Beerbrayer and Dr. S. Hoes give right to the undersigned respectfully suggest that further enquiries should be made regarding sudden death of Mrs. V. Kolotinsky by Crime Branch Headquarters.

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